

there is an erythematous area, red, well defined and perfectly symmetrical.

There is nothing of any special significance in the heart, lungs, liver or spleen.

Smell.—She is not able to detect asafetida, but can easily perceive pleasant odors. There is no abnormality in taste. Patient feels weak, and cannot walk steadily; otherwise, with the exception of the changes in mentality already noticed, the nervous system is normal.

Examination of Eyes (by Dr. Franklin) Oct. 16, 1914.—Right eye, inferior temporal quadrant of the disc is grayish white, and the margin is blurred. Lamina is visible. Post neuritic partial atrophy. Left eye, the entire disc is hazy; vessels are surrounded by a thin sheath of connective tissue; margin is blurred; post neuritic partial optic atrophy.

The urine, feces and Wassermann reaction were all negative.

Examination of blood shows the red corpuscles diminished to two and a half millions, with hemoglobin at 65% and color index above 1%. The leukocytes vary from 11,000 to 7,500. On one count the polymorphonuclears were 80½%, and in another they were 64%. In the high polymorphonuclear count the total lymphocytes count amounted to 17½%, and in the 64% count they amounted to 35%. There was no eosinophilia.

The particular interest of this case is its acute character, seeing it is only seventeen days since the first symptoms appeared, and the fact that the mental disturbance has been increasing rapidly during the past six to eight days. The blood condition should also be noticed, as it approximates that of pernicious anemia but leukopenia is absent. The history of long standing disturbance in the intestines is of importance from an etiologic point of view.

The patient died on November 10. The whole known course of the disease only lasting six weeks. The findings at the autopsy were entirely negative.

PACIFIC ASSOCIATION OF RAILWAY SURGEONS; IMPORTANT NOTICE OF MEETING.

The Pacific Association of Railway Surgeons will hold its annual meeting on Friday afternoon, June 25, 1915.

As the American Medical Association will be in convention in San Francisco at the same time (June 21 to June 25, inclusive) and many papers will be read in their Scientific Section, it has been decided to omit the usual Scientific Section at the Railway Surgeons' meeting this year.

Accordingly, the following program has been planned for the day: The members of the Association and their families will leave on the 1:45 p. m. Northwestern Pacific boat for a trip to Mt. Tamalpais, arriving there at about 3 p. m. Dinner will be served at 4 p. m., to be followed by the President's address and the election of officers for the ensuing year. At 6 p. m. the Association will be conveyed by special train and boat to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. One of the most enjoyable features of this trip will be the view from the bay of the night illuminations.

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CALIFORNIA PEDIATRIC SOCIETY—NORTHERN BRANCH.

The third meeting of the California Pediatric Society—Northern Branch, will be held on Thursday evening, April 22nd, in the County Medical Library at 8:15. The program will be as follows:

I. A Study of the San Francisco Midwife based on the Board of Health Birth Registrations from August, 1913, to August, 1914. Adelaide Brown.

II. The Proper Position of Tonsillectomy in Pediatrics. Sanford Blum.

III. The Relation of Mouth and Throat Infections to Diseases in Other Parts of the Body. T. C. McCleave.

It is hoped that anyone interested in child welfare problems will come to this meeting and join the Society. We will welcome all who are really interested in any phase of child welfare work.

WILLIAM PALMER LUCAS, Secretary.

BOOK REVIEWS

The Clinics of John B. Murphy, at Mercy Hospital, Chicago. Dec., 1914. Vol. III, No. 6. Published Bi-Monthly by W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia and London.

Contents: The New Offices of Dr. John B. Murphy and his Staff. Murphy's Clinical Talks on Surgical and General Diagnosis. Auto-sensitized Autogenous Vaccines. Impacted Fracture of External Tuberosity of Tibia. Sarcoma of the Right Tibia. Exostosis of Interarticular Surface of Upper End of Left Tibia. Multiple Metastatic Arthritides. Cartilaginous Exostosis of Left Humerus. Bilateral Tuberculous Epididymitis with Abscess Formation. Gummatous Tumor of the Testicle. Perforating Duodenal Ulcer Fixed to the Anterior Abdominal Wall. Retroperitoneal Sarcoma of the Upper Abdomen. Filling up the Lesser Peritoneal Cavity.

Medical Gynecology. By S. Wyllis Bandler, M. D., Adjunct Professor of Diseases of Women, New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital. Third Thoroughly Revised Edition. Octavo of 790 pages, with 150 original illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1914. Cloth, \$5.00 net; half morocco, \$6.50 net.

In the six years since this book was first published it has passed through three editions, a fact which indicates both its wide popularity among the profession and the desire of the author to keep it up to date.

The way in which the book is kept abreast of the times is best illustrated by the extended chapter on the ductless glands. Formerly this subject would not have been included in a text-book on gynecology, but at present there is good reason for doing so, for it has been clearly shown that an intimate relationship exists between several and perhaps all of these glands on the one hand and the generative organs of women on the other. As yet, few definite statements of therapeutic significance can be made regarding this relationship,